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**Re: US Utility Patent Application**

**Inventor: Focke, Heinz, et al.**

**Title: Process for Producing Hinge-Lid Boxes for Cigarettes**

**Filing Date: November 28, 2000**

**Serial No.: 09/724,016**

**Group Art Unit: 3721; Confirmation No.: 7235**

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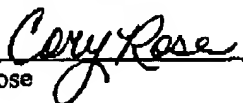
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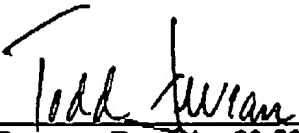
In re application of:	<b>Focke</b>	Confirmation No.:	<b>7235</b>
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Our Reference Number:	<b>820601-1020 (FOCKE11)</b>		
Title:	<b>Process and Apparatus for Producing Hinge-Lid Boxes for Cigarettes</b>		

**Response and Amendment**  
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. <b>820601-1020</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>FOCKE, Heinz et al.</b>					
Serial No. <b>09/724,016</b>	Filing Date <b>November 28, 2000</b>	Examiner <b>Tawfik, S.</b>	Confirmation No. <b>7235</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3721</b>	
Invention: <b>PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HINGE-LID BOXES FOR CIGARETTES</b>					
<b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>Mail Stop Amendment</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria VA 22313-1450</b>					
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Sir:

The Office Action, Paper No. 07282005, from Examiner Sameh Tawfik of Art Unit 3721, mailed August 1, 2005, has been received and carefully reviewed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections presented in the Office Action in view of the following remarks and amendment.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that any additional fees are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, any additional fees that are required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.